

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final Office Action mailed on October 25, 2006 and a Request for Continued Examination (R.C.E.) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed concurrently herewith. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter this Preliminary Amendment and consider the following remarks.